Atty. Dkt. No. 034536-0726

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gregory D. PLOWMAN et al.

Title: NOVEL PROTEIN PHOSPHATASES AND DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

OF PHOSPHATASE-RELATED DISORDERS

Appl. No. 09/905,999

Filing Date: 06/14/2002

Examiner: Rebecca E. Prouty

Art Unit: 1652

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed July 28, 2004, Applicants request that the present application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: